

## INTRODUCTION

Echols County is located along the central part of Georgia's southern boundary and has a land area of 271,760 acres, or about 425 square miles. There are no incorporated cities and the total population is 3,754 persons. Most of the land is poorly drained and is not suited for agriculture (other than commercial timber production) or urban development. The physical landscape is fairly homogenous with no outstanding physical features. Immediately east of Echols County is the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge and Wilderness Area that encompasses 396,000 acres. Ninety-four percent of the unincorporated area of Echols County is used as commercial timber and five percent is in agriculture uses. Seventy-two percent of the 1,683-employment base in Echols County is in the following economic sectors-Agriculture/Forestry, 23.2 percent; Educational/Health/Social Services, 12.5 percent; Retail Trade, 12.3 percent; Construction, 10.8 percent; and Manufacturing, 13.6 percent.

## INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT

### Amount of Waste

The amount of waste generated on an annual basis within Echols County was 2,082 tons in FY04. Per capita waste generation in Echols County can be determined by dividing the annual waste amount of 2,082 tons by Echols County's 2004-estimated population of 3,754. This results in a per capita generation rate of 0.554 tons per year, or 3.06 pounds per person per day (Table 1). In 1992, the estimated per capita generation rate was 0.82 tons per year and 4.50 pounds per persons per day. This estimated tonnage and per capita rates utilized the national average of 0.82 tons per person per year and applied it to the 1990 population of Echols County. Obviously this national rate was faulty for Echols County, so comparisons are not possible.

Unincorporated Echols County generates 2,082 tons per year; with a breakdown of residential=1,770 tons and commercial/industrial=312 tons. Sources of solid waste generated within Echols County are estimated in Table 2. As Table 2 indicates, the majority of waste generated in unincorporated Echols County can be described as residential, but overall there is a nearly 85/15 split between residential and commercial/industrial. There are unaccounted for tons of MSW disposed by individuals on their own property within unincorporated Echols County.

**TABLE 1: ECHOLS COUNTY 2004 ESTIMATED WASTE AMOUNT**

	Per Capita Rate	Total
<u>Population</u>	<u>(Tons Per Year)</u>	<u>Tons Per Year</u>
3,754	0.55	2,082

Source. Woods & Poole Economics, Inc., 2002; South Georgia Regional Development Center, 2005 and Georgia Environmental Protection Division, 2004.

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**TABLE 2: WASTE SOURCES AS A % OF TOTAL WASTE GENERATED  
2003 ECHOLS COUNTY**

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial /Industrial</u>
Echols County	85	15

Source: Echols County , 2004.

Table 3 provides waste composition estimates and projections for selected years through the year 2015. State averages for waste amounts and composition were utilized in calculating the estimates and projections presented in Table 3. To date contract haulers and county officials have begun taking a closer look at the total waste stream. No unusual or difficult to handle waste types have been observed, except for plastic. Assuming that Echols County's waste composition is similar to that of the state as a whole, local officials will need to target reductions in: (1) paper/paperboard; (2) yard waste; (3) glass; and (4) other recyclable material. In addition, future waste reduction and public education efforts will need to focus on these waste types. The projections shown in Table 3 represent the amount and composition of solid waste, which will be generated within Echols County by continuing to reduce waste and regenerate recycling efforts. As Table 3 indicates, total annual tonnage is projected to increase by 11.9 percent over the period.

**TABLE 3: ECHOLS COUNTY 2005– 2015 PROJECTED WASTE  
COMPOSITION**

	(Tons per year)			
<u>Waste Type</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>
Paper/Paperboard	819	832	852	885
C&D	136	138	141	147
Glass	88	90	92	96
Metals	125	127	130	135
Rubber/Leather/Textiles	69	70	72	75
Organic	578	587	601	624
Plastic	<u>343</u>	<u>348</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>370</u>
Total Tons	2,155	2,190	2,242	2,330

Source: Woods & Poole Economics, Inc., 2002. Georgia Environmental Protection Division, 2004.  
Analysis: South Georgia Regional Development Center, 2005.

Using 0.55 tons per person per year as a base amount, Table 4 illustrates the projected amounts of solid waste which would likely be generated with a 25 percent per capita reduction countywide. As Table 4 illustrates, annual tonnage (with recycling) is projected to decrease from 2,082 tons in 2004 to

1,568 tons by 2015. Given the rate of population and economic growth projected for Echols County, local officials are confident that this reduction can be met, providing the recycling programs are successful.

**TABLE 4: 2005 – 2015 PROJECTED WASTE AMOUNTS  
ECHOLS COUNTY, GEORGIA**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Per Capita Rate (Tons Per Year)</u>	<u>Total Per Year</u>	<u>TonsPer Day</u>
2005	3,918	0.53	2,076	5.7
2006	3,950	0.51	2,015	5.5
2007	3,981	0.50	1,991	5.5
2008	4,014	0.48	1,927	5.3
2009	4,047	0.46	1,862	5.1
2010	4,077	0.44	1,794	4.9
2011	4,109	0.42	1,726	4.7
2012	4,141	0.41	1,698	4.7
2013	4,173	0.39	1,627	4.5
2014	4,205	0.38	1,598	4.4
2015	4,237	0.37	1,568	4.3

Source: Woods & Poole Economics, Inc., 2002. South Georgia Regional Development Center, 2005.

According to local officials, no waste is imported into Echols County from other jurisdictions.

### **Collection**

Echols County contracts with a private hauler to provide collection system, which serves the unincorporated portion of the county. All residential waste is collected from door-by-door system throughout the county and is transported to the Pecan Row Landfill in Lowndes County for disposal. Commercial and industrial customers contract directly with a private hauler for collection and disposal. Collection service is generally considered adequate and will meet the county's needs throughout the planning period.

Echols County assesses no monthly user charges and uses general funds to pay for collection and disposal of residential MSW. Annual operating costs are estimated to be \$ 188,870 Echols County. County officials indicate that the existing solid waste program is not self-sustaining. Collection service is generally considered good and will adequately meet the county's needs over the planning period.

### **Waste Reduction**

With the exception of a voluntary recycling program of white, brown goods and tires stored at the county road department no waste reduction programs exist in Echols County. Echols County will need to increase efforts regarding waste reduction and recycling in order to meet state reduction goals by 2015. With the exception of an ongoing educational program in the Echols County Schools, no education and public involvement programs exist in Echols County. Echols County will need to increase education and public awareness efforts regarding solid waste management in order to meet state and local goals.

### **Disposal**

Since 1992 all MSW generated in Greater Echols County was transported for disposal to the Lowndes County Landfill at Clyattville and by 2001 to Pecan Row Landfill (Lowndes County), which is a permitted Sub-Title D landfill.

### **Land Limitation**

Figure 1 illustrates those areas within Echols County, which are considered unsuitable for locating solid waste handling facilities. The environmental limitations shown in Figure 1 are those identified and mapped on Hydrologic Atlas 20, Ground-water Pollution Susceptibility maps prepared by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Georgia Environmental Protection Division, and Georgia Geologic Survey. These maps are available for inspection at the offices of the South Georgia RDC. Limitations include floodplains, wetlands, groundwater recharge areas, water supply watersheds, steep slopes, and areas having poor soil characteristics. Department of Natural Resources maps also identify local land use and regulatory limitations, such as built-up areas (municipalities), proximity to airports, proximity to National Historic sites, and jurisdictional boundaries.

Echols County is located in the Southern Coastal Plain physiographic province of Georgia. The county's land surface is characterized by gently rolling topography. In the unincorporated county floodplains have not been mapped. Flood hazards typically occur in late winter and early spring. In addition to floodplains, wetlands are also located throughout Echols County. A draft wetlands inventory prepared by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service depicts the general location of wetland areas within Echols County. Developing parcels that are within those depicted areas, or suspected of having wetlands, should have detailed wetlands delineation survey performed and follow all applicable requirements under Section 404 of the Federal Clean Water Act and the Echols County Wetlands Protection Ordinance.

Typical of coastal plain areas, the majority of Echols County water is derived from the Floridan aquifer. This aquifer consists of confined limestone, dolostone, and calcareous sand. Underlying the Floridan are the Claiborne and Clayton aquifers. The Floridan aquifer is principally recharged immediately south of the Fall Line, which stretches across central Georgia from Columbus to Augusta. Most sedimentary rock formations of the Coastal Plain begin at the ground surface just south of the Fall Line. As a result this is where most aquifer water originates. Recharge can also occur at other points where the aquifer up dips to become closer to the surface allowing water from streams, sink holes, and ponds to permeate through more shallow ground into the aquifer. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Geological Survey have mapped the generalized location of groundwater recharge areas within Echols County. These maps are available for inspection at the offices of the South Georgia RDC. Because pollutants can spread uncontrollably throughout the aquifer, development of any kind in recharge areas should be limited.

Echols County adopted a long-range comprehensive plan in 1995. The ten-year update of this comprehensive plan will be completed and adopted in June 2005. The county administers the enforcement of the State Construction Codes; wetland protection ordinance, groundwater recharge areas protection ordinance and protected rivers ordinance. Built-up areas in Echols County consists of the unincorporated communities of Statenville, Howell and Mayday. No National Historic Districts exist in Echols County, nor major airports exist in Echols County.

### **Education and Public Involvement**

An on-going public relations program to create an awareness of solid waste issues and encourage maximum participation in countywide waste reduction and recycling efforts has not been undertaken by Echols County. Public information and education are the keys to any successful waste reduction program. The county has supported the Echols County school system in the environmental education programs. The county has continued to enforce anti-littering laws and supports local beautification programs. The county annually publicizes the full cost of providing solid waste management services.

### **Existing Financing**

Echols County currently finance solid waste services with general fund revenues for collection and disposal. County officials have indicated that existing solid waste management practices are adjusted to cover costs.

Echols County's estimated 2004 cost of providing solid waste services totaling \$188,870. Echols County has not historically funded waste reduction or public education programs. Volunteers have undertaken efforts in these areas.



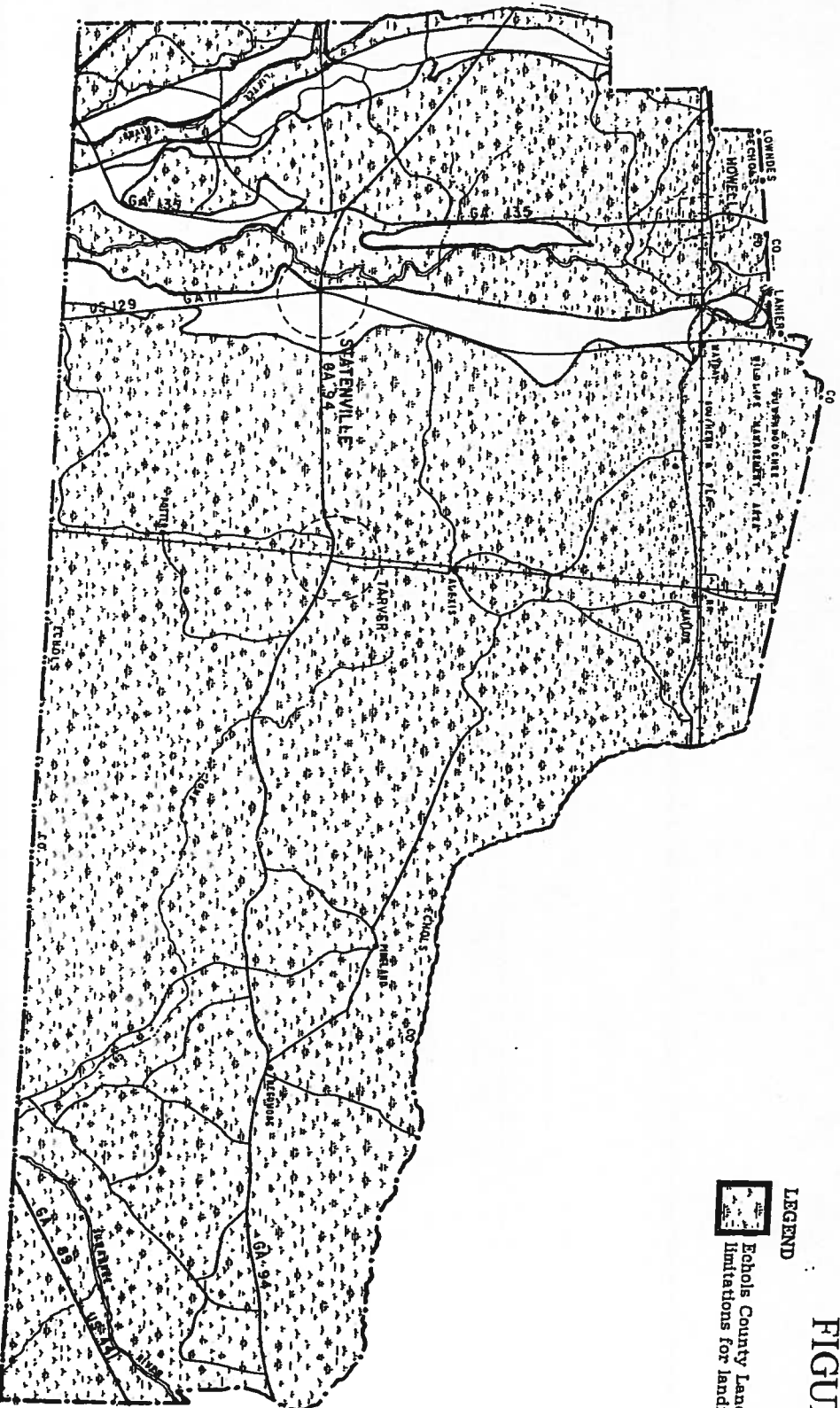
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FIGURE 1

LEGEND



Echols County Land Areas with geotechnical limitations for landfill.



## **GOALS AND STRATEGIES**

The following goal statements represent the future direction for Echols County in addressing solid waste management. A series of strategy statements is identified under each goal. The strategy statements address more specific issues and suggest courses of action for dealing with these issues. Accompanying each strategy statement is narrative, which further explains the purpose of the objective statement and, in some instances, provides examples. Local officials are confident that all the strategies outlined will successfully achieve the stated goals.

### **AMOUNT OF WASTE**

**GOAL I: TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT AND COMPOSITION OF THE SOLID WASTE GENERATED WITHIN THE COUNTY IN ORDER TO HAVE A SOUND INFORMATION BASE UPON WHICH TO BASE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DECISIONS AND TO DETERMINE IF STATEWIDE AND LOCAL GOALS HAVE BEEN MET.**

Strategy I-1: Implement an on-going program of waste measurement and analysis.

In accordance with the Solid Waste Management Act of 1990, as amended, Echols began weighing waste amounts using portable scales and now rely upon private vendor to weigh the solid waste collected and disposed. With waste amounts (in tons) being documented, fiscal year 2004 will serve as the base year for countywide waste reduction efforts.

### **COLLECTION**

**GOAL II: TO ENSURE THE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLE AND COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS WITHIN ECHOLS COUNTY.**

Strategy II-1: Continue existing collection practices and make modifications as necessary to support additional waste reduction and recycling programs. For the duration of the planning period, Echols County will continue collecting solid waste via a door-to-door collection service. Throughout the planning period, Echols County will closely monitor the effectiveness and efficiency of the collection system.

Strategy II-2: The County currently contract with Onyx Evergreen, Inc., Valdosta, Georgia. The County is developing a contingency strategy for alternative collection on an interim basis. Two other collection companies Browning-Ferris, Inc. and Waste Management, Inc. are being considered. These alternates will be on-line within thirty days.

Strategy II-3: The County in cooperation with the local and state Emergency Management Agency are preparing a "pre-disaster mitigation plan" to deal with wastes generated from natural disasters (floods, fires, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, etc.) The pre-disaster mitigation plan will be completed by June of 2005 and updated every five years thereafter.

## **WASTE REDUCTION**

**GOAL III:** TO ENSURE, AT A MINIMUM, A 25 PERCENT PER CAPITA REDUCTION BY 2015 OF THE AMOUNT OF SOLID WASTE BEING RECEIVED AT DISPOSAL FACILITIES, BY PROMOTION OF SOURCE REDUCTION, REUSE, COMPOSTING, RECYCLING AND OTHER WASTE REDUCTION PROGRAMS TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE, THEREBY MAINTAINING AND ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE CITIZENS OF ECHOLS COUNTY.

Strategy III-1: Implement local recycling programs to reduce the amount of: (1) paper/paperboard; (2) yard waste; (3) glass; and (4) other recyclable material.

As mentioned previously, Echols County, through recycling agreements will develop recycling programs in an effort to exceed the 25 percent per capita reduction goal. Drop-off sites and compartmentalized collection trailers could be utilized for the following recyclables:

Newspaper and magazines  
Bi-metal cans  
Aluminum cans  
Glass  
Plastic

Echols County has diverted plastic chemical (agricultural) containers from the landfill. Upon collection, Echols County will transport recyclables to local and regional markets.

Strategy III-2: White and brown goods, and tires are stockpiled and managed at the Echols County inert landfill in Statenville. Onyx Evergreen of Valdosta, Georgia collects the white and brown goods on a fee per ton basis, and Echols County contracts tire removal on a fee per ton basis.

## **DISPOSAL**

**GOAL IV:** TO ENSURE THAT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL FACILITIES SERVING ECHOLS COUNTY MEET REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS AND ARE IN PLACE WHEN

NEEDED TO SUPPORT AND FACILITATE EFFECTIVE SOLID WASTE HANDLING PROGRAMS TODAY AND FOR THE SUBSEQUENT TEN-YEAR PERIOD, THEREBY MAINTAINING AND ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE RESIDENTS OF ECHOLS COUNTY.

Strategy IV-1: Continue using private vendor contracts for disposal at the Pecan Row Landfill for disposal through 2015.

Information regarding Echols County use of Pecan Row Landfill disposal capacity for the next ten years is included in the Appendix.

Strategy IV-2: The County currently contract with Onyx Evergreen at Pecan Row Landfill, and is developing a contingency strategy for alternative disposal on an interim basis. Disposal options include Tifton/Tift County Landfill, and Cook County Landfill. These alternative disposal sites will be on-line within thirty days.

## **LAND LIMITATION**

**GOAL V:** TO ENSURE THAT PROPOSED SOLID WASTE HANDLING FACILITIES ARE SITED IN AREAS SUITABLE FOR SUCH DEVELOPMENTS, ARE COMPATIBLE WITH SURROUNDING USES AND ARE NOT CONSIDERED FOR LOCATION IN AREAS WHICH HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED BY LOCAL OFFICIALS AS HAVING ENVIRONMENTAL OR OTHER LAND USE LIMITATIONS.

Strategy V-1: Identify land areas within Echols County which are unsuitable for siting solid waste handling facilities.

The Land Limitations Map, Hydrologic Atlas 20, Ground-water Pollution Susceptibility maps prepared by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Georgia Environmental Protection Division, and Georgia Geologic Survey, identifies areas unsuitable for siting solid waste handling facilities. These maps, along with the Future Land Use Map, will be consulted by local officials as the need arises and in future planning efforts.

Strategy V-2: Prior to filing for a solid waste handling or C&D permit submit to Echols County a written statement documenting the following:

- (1) How the proposed facility or facility expansion will meet the specific goals and/or needs identified in the Echols County Solid Waste Management Plan, specifically what will be:
  - a. The impact upon the collection capability within the planning area;
  - b. The impact upon disposal capacity identified in the planning area; and
  - c. The impact to the waste reduction and recycling efforts within the planning area.

- (2) How the proposed facility or facility expansion and its operation will impact the county and cities. Any proposed solid waste handling facility will not negatively impact the natural and cultural environment and/or negatively impact public health and safety. Operational hours, vehicle traffic, etc., are all issues that should be addressed.
- (3) That the proposed facility or facility expansion is sited in an area deemed suitable according to the criteria listed in the solid waste management plan; and
- (4) That the proposed facility or facility expansion is sited in a location that is consistent with water resource protection ordinances.

Strategy V-3: Prepare, adopt, and update a local comprehensive plan. Echols County will, in accordance with the Georgia Planning Act of 1989, prepare and update their 1995 comprehensive plan by June 30, 2005. The plan will include a detailed future land use element.

Strategy V-4: Continue to amend and update the 2025 Greater Echols Comprehensive Plan, and the county land development ordinances.

## **EDUCATION AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

**GOAL VI: TO HELP THE RESIDENTS OF ECHOLS COUNTY TO ACHIEVE AN AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, PROBLEMS, CONCERNS, AND NEEDS ASSOCIATED WITH SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF LITTERING, WASTE REDUCTION, RECYCLING, DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE, RECYCLING, COMPOSTING, PROCESSING, ENERGY RECOVERY, AND TO INCREASE SUPPORT FOR EFFECTIVE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT.**

Strategy VI-1: Implement an on-going public relations program to create an awareness of solid waste issues and encourage maximum participation in countywide waste reduction and recycling efforts. Public information and education are the keys to any successful waste reduction program. Echols County officials and volunteers will assume the lead role in countywide waste reduction and recycling efforts. Local efforts will focus on the following:

1. Conduct solid waste educational programs in the school system and the "Recycle as a Family" concept;
2. Hold annual events, activities, and contests throughout the year;
3. Strongly encourage source reduction and use of local recycling facilities;
4. Enlist the support and participation of local church congregations, as well as civic organizations, garden clubs, and community groups;
5. Utilize the local and regional media to the fullest extent possible to "get the word out" regarding the benefits of waste reduction and participation in local programs;

6. Continue to enforce anti-littering laws and support local beautification efforts.
7. Annually publicize the full cost of providing solid waste management services.

## **FUTURE FINANCING OF STRATEGIES**

Financing is the process of paying for the selected solid waste system and is divided into two areas: (1) capital costs and (2) operating and maintenance costs. A well-designed system can easily fail because an operating budget was not prepared and inadequate revenue sources secured for the system's operation and maintenance. The financing of a solid waste system will often involve more than one source of funds. Four points, which are essential to a soundly financed system, are:

- (1) Accurate cost accounting is needed to establish and maintain a cost effective operation,
- (2) Funds collected for financing the system should be set-aside in a dedicated or earmarked fund,
- (3) An amount of money sufficient to accumulate the purchase price of major pieces of equipment and land should be placed in an account called a "sinking fund" each year, and
- (4) Revenues should reflect the actual costs of services provided.

### **Collection**

Echols County collection system will continue to be financed through the use of general fund revenues.

### **Disposal**

Echols County contracts with Onyx Evergreen for collection/disposal of the unincorporated area municipal solid waste. Onyx-Evergreen collects and disposes commercial/industrial and Echols County School wastes. The combined FY '04 cost for collection/disposal was \$188,870.

### **Waste Reduction**

Future waste reduction efforts in Echols County will be financed through general fund allocations, and private donations. Local officials plan to seek financial assistance from state programs, if, and when funding becomes available.

### **Education and Public Involvement**

Future funding for activities and programs in these areas will likely come from the general fund. Private sector assistance in countywide efforts will also be sought.

### **Cost Projections**

Table 5 present cost projections (disposal, collection, waste reduction, and education/public involvement) for Echols County. The projections include costs for: (1) operation and maintenance; and (2) capital expenditures. The cost projections presented in Table 5 represent the expenditures anticipated to fully implement each local governments' various solid waste management strategies. Each local government in annual budgeting processes will use these projections.

**TABLE 5: ECHOLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN  
COST PROJECTIONS**

	Echols County Collection / Disposal	Echols County Waste Reduction	Echols County Public Education
2006	\$ 184,148	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000
2007	\$ 179,544	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,000
2008	\$ 175,055	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000
2009	\$ 170,679	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
2010	\$ 166,412	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,000
2011	\$ 162,252	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
2012	\$ 158,196	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
2013	\$ 154,241	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
2014	\$ 150,385	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
2015	\$ 146,625	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000

Source: Echols County, 2005. Analysis: South Georgia Regional Development Center, 2005.

Assumes: (1) Use of contract collection & disposal. (2) A 25% per capita reduction in MSW due to aggressive waste reduction/recycling.



## South Georgia Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Management Plan

### Echols County 1998-2004 Report of Accomplishments

Activity	Status	Explanation
<b><u>Collection</u></b>		
Continue collecting door-to-door system	Completed	
Implement and encourage the use of a system of combined collection/recycling drop-off sites throughout the county	Not completed, dropped as a priority	There is one site for the collection of white goods/tires in Statenville
Continue existing collection practices and make modifications as necessary to support countywide waste reduction and recycling efforts	Changed in 1998	Door to door collection started in 1998
Monitor effectiveness of collection practices on an ongoing basis	Completed/Ongoing	Visual checks are conducted
<b><u>Disposal</u></b>		
Continue using Lowndes County Landfill for disposal (\$28.50/ton)	Completed/Ongoing	Changed to Pecan Row Landfill in 2001
Participate in regional solid waste planning activities	Completed/Ongoing	
<b><u>Land Limitation</u></b>		
Use land limitation map in future planning efforts	Completed/Ongoing	
<b><u>Waste Reduction</u></b>		
Implement and encourage the use of a system of drop-off recycling centers throughout the county (Est. Reduction 5%/y)	Underway/Ongoing for white goods at Statenville	Recyclables are placed in a drop-off container at the "inert landfill"
Coordinate countywide waste reduction on an on-going basis	Completed/Ongoing	
Develop and use inert landfill for waste disposal (\$35K, Est. Reduction 5%/y)	Dropped as a priority	Not sufficient waste for the costs to develop
Identify and implement incentives to encourage source reduction	Not completed/dropped as a priority	
Establish on-going market identification program	Not completed/dropped as a priority	
Seek the assistance of the South Georgia RDC in developing regional markets for recyclables	Completed/Ongoing	
Participate in solid waste related seminars and workshops on an on-going basis	Completed/Ongoing	
<b><u>Education and Public Involvement</u></b>		
Support educational programs in school system	Completed/Ongoing	
Hold special events, activities and contests on an annual basis	Completed/Ongoing	

Encourage source reduction, household composting and participation in local recycling programs	Completed/Ongoing	
Encourage local community groups to take the lead in countywide educational and public involvement efforts	Completed/Ongoing	
Work with local/regional media regarding public education	Completed/Ongoing	
Actively enforce anti-littering laws	Completed/Ongoing	
Encourage business, industry and government to use recycled products	Completed/Ongoing	
Annually publicize the full cost of providing solid waste services	Completed/Ongoing	

**South Georgia Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Management Plan**  
**Echols County Solid Waste Management Plan**  
**2006-2015 Short-Term Work Program**

<b>Amount of Waste</b>	<b>FY 06</b>	<b>FY 07</b>	<b>FY 08</b>	<b>FY 09</b>	<b>FY 10</b>	<b>FY 11</b>	<b>FY 12</b>	<b>FY 13</b>	<b>FY 14</b>	<b>FY 15</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Est. Cost</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
Maintain accurate records of the amount of materials collected/recycled	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County Commission	NA	County
Utilize the DCA waste stream sort for recycling needs	X			X			X			X	County Commission	NA	County
<b>Collection</b>													
Continue door to door collection countywide	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County Commission	\$188,870	General Fund
Establish / encourage the use of drop-off sites for the collection of recyclables	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County Commission	\$1,450/y	General Fund
Monitor the effectiveness of collection practices annually	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County Commission	NA	County
<b>Waste Reduction</b>													
Divert yard trimmings and construction/demolition waste to inert landfill-15 % reduction													
Market all recyclables-8% drop	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County Commission	Unknown	General Fund
Work with local businesses to target corrugated cardboard Est. reduction 10%)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County Commission	NA	County
Support waste reduction and recycling efforts undertaken by schools, churches, and other organizations	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County Commission	NA	County

	FY 06	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	Responsible Party	Est. Cost	Funding Source
Monitor effectiveness of waste reduction programs on annual basis (decrease in MSW tonnage saves dollars)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County Commission	NA	County
Participate in solid waste related workshops & seminars	X		X		X		X		X		County Commission	\$200/y	General Fund
<b>Disposal</b>													
Continue using Pecan Row Landfill for MSW disposal	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County Commission	\$188,870	General Fund
Continue to utilize the "inert landfill" for non-MSW disposal	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County Commission	Unknown	General Fund
<b>Education &amp; Public Involvement</b>													
Actively support school system environmental education efforts	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County Commission	NA	County
Partner with local media (radio, TV, newspapers) to solicit assistance in education and public involvement efforts	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County Commission	NA	County
<b>Land Limitation</b>													
Use land limitation maps, and other ordinances & maps in future planning efforts	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County Commission	NA	County
<b>General</b>													
Update solid waste management plan annually	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County Commission	NA	County
Seek assistance thru available state/federal financial programs											County Commission	NA	County
Annually inform public of the full cost of solid waste services	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County Commission	\$200/y	General Fund
Adopt & do five year update of Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan	X					X					County Commission	\$3,000	General Fund
Enforce anti-littering laws	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County Commission	Unknown	General Fund

FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	Responsible Party	Est. Cost	Funding Source
06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15				
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	County Commission	NA	County	

Maintain a contingency strategy for the interim collection and disposal of solid waste, and a timeline to bring it on-line



February 21, 2005

Mr. Robert A. Davis, Chairman  
Echols County Commission  
PO Box 190  
Statenville, Georgia 31648

**RE: Disposal Capacity Assurance Letter**

Dear Mr. Davis:

This letter serves as a disposal capacity assurance for waste generated by Echols County from 2005 to 2013. The Georgia EPD permit number for this facility is 092-019D (MSWL). This assurance is based upon Echols County disposing of approximately 2,082 tons of waste on an annual basis.

Please feel free to call us if you have any questions or desire additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Marotta", written over a horizontal line.

Nick Marotta  
Regional Engineer



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April 6, 2005

Mr. Randy Hartmann, Director  
Office of Waste Management  
Georgia Department of Community Affairs  
60 Executive Park South, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30329-2231

RE: Transmittal of 2015 Echols County Solid Waste Management Plan

Dear Mr. Hartmann:

The South Georgia RDC received the draft 2015 Echols County Solid Waste Management Plan on April 4, 2005.

At this time, the regional/state review process has been initiated. Please find enclosed the "yellow sheet" notification form, the transmittal resolution, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing minutes, and the 2015 Echols County Solid Waste Management Plan. A regional review public hearing will be conducted on April 21, 2005.

Thank you and your staff for your continuing support of our local and regional planning programs. Should you have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael F. Morgan".

Michael F. Morgan  
Principal Planner

Enclosures



## TRANSMITTAL RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, ECHOLS COUNTY, TO TRANSMIT THE 2015 ECHOLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND SUBMIT NOTIFICATION TO THE SOUTH GEORGIA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS**

**WHEREAS**, Echols County recognizes the need to update their Solid Waste Management Plan and their Ten-Year Implementation Strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2015 Echols County Solid Waste Management Plan was prepared for the County of Echols by the Echols County Planning Advisory Commission in accordance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management; and

**WHEREAS, THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS** of the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management were met with one public hearing held February 17, 2005 prior to the development of the Solid Waste Management Plan, and a second public hearing held March 28, 2005 to receive input on the Solid Waste Management Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the proposed 2015 Echols County Solid Waste Management Plan be accepted by the Echols County Board of Commissioners, and that this Plan be transmitted to the South Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for review as required by the Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act.

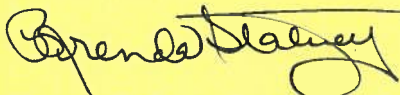
DULY RESOLVED: THIS 4 DAY OF APRIL, 2005.

**ECHOLS COUNTY**



Robert A. Davis, Chairman

ATTEST:



Brenda Stalvey, County Clerk





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### MEMORANDUM

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**FROM:** John Leonard, Executive Director

**RE:** Plan Update Amendment Submittal and Hearing/Comment Opportunity

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Pursuant to the Act, the attached notice is being mailed to potentially affected governments, Regional Development Centers, federal agencies, state agencies, local authorities, and the Governor's Development Council and invites any interested representatives to attend a hearing scheduled for 10:00 A.M. on April 21, 2005 at:

**SOUTH GEORGIA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
327 WEST SAVANNAH AVENUE  
VALDOSTA, GEORGIA**

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**ADDRESSES/PHONE NUMBERS:** *See Attached Listing*

**CONTACT PERSONS:** *See Attached Listing*

New Local Plan  
Local Plan Amendment Short-Term Work Programs  
**X Local Plan Update**

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**PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING:** South Georgia Regional  
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Conference Room  
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Valdosta, Georgia

**DESCRIPTION OF PLAN AMENDMENT:**

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**REVIEWING REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER:** SOUTH GEORGIA

**CONTACT PERSON:** Michael Morgan  
Principal Planner

**ADDRESS:** South Georgia Regional  
Development Center  
327 West Savannah Avenue  
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Echols County

**ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER:**

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110 Hwy. 94 East  
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**CONTACT PERSONS:**

Echols County            -            Mr. Robert A. Davis, Chairman





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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Potentially affected local governments, federal and state agencies, and local authorities

**FROM:** John Leonard, Executive Director

**RE:** Plan Update Amendment Submittal and Hearing/Comment Opportunity

A draft update for re-certification of the 2025 Echols County Comprehensive Plan has been prepared and transmitted to the South Georgia Regional Development Center for local plan review pursuant to the Georgia Planning Act of 1989.

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April 22, 2005

Mr. Randy Hartmann, Director  
Office of Waste Management  
Georgia Department of Community Affairs  
60 Executive Park South, N.E.  
Atlanta, GA 30329-2231

RE: Recertification of 2015 Echols County Solid Waste Management Plan

Dear Mr. Hartmann:

The Regional Review Public Hearing (minutes enclosed) was conducted April 21, 2005 concerning the updated 2015 Echols County Solid Waste Management Plan. South Georgia RDC's Regional Review Report is enclosed for DCA review and comment.

South Georgia RDC reviewed the draft 2015 Echols County Solid Waste Management Plan in light of all regional and local plans (see enclosed list), and found no internal inconsistencies, potential inter-jurisdictional conflicts, or conflicts with other local government plans in the region and the State solid waste management plan.

The sixty day State/Regional review period began on April 4, 2005, and is scheduled to be completed June 5, 2005. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in completion of this review and will work to expedite the resolution of any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael F. Morgan".

Michael F. Morgan  
Principal Planner

cc: Robert A. Davis, Chairman, Echols County Commission

Enclosures

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## **PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

February 17, 2005 Court Room, Echols County Courthouse, Statenville, GA 6:00 PM  
Conducted by Echols County Planning Advisory Commission

### **TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 1) Ten-year Update of "2015 Echols County Comprehensive Plan", and
- 2) Ten-year Update of Echols County Solid Waste Management Plan

Persons in Attendance (see attached attendance sheet)

Vice-Chairman Jackie Carter called the Public Hearings to order at 6:00 PM and requested Michael Morgan, Planning Coordinator to explain the process. Mr. Morgan handed out materials and guidelines and a timeline to update the two plans. Copies were available of the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for local comprehensive plans and Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management Planning.

General discussion concerned the need to improve fire protection services, police protection and the provision of their own emergency management system. The county needs at least one new fire station and some felt they needed one facility manned 24 hours. The current utilization of ambulances from Lowndes County pegs the response time at over 15 minutes and this is unacceptable.

General discussion concerning solid waste collection and disposal in Pecan Row by Onyx Evergreen was highly praised. The general consensus was to not apply user charges per household for collection and disposal, and let the tax revenues continue to pay for these services.

Vice-Chairman Jackie Carter closed the Public Hearings at 6:30 PM.



# FIRST PUBLIC HEARINGS SIGN-IN CONCERNING

- 1) **2015 ECHOLS COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**
- 2) **ECHOLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Conducted by **Echols County Planning Advisory Commission**, January 17, 2005  
Echols County Courthouse, Court Room, 6:00 PM

NAME

## Representing

Dorothy Corbett  
JOHN D SANDERS  
~~Frederic Stalvey~~  
Lloyd S. CORBETT  
~~Carl P. J. J.~~  
Norman Piffner  
Mamie Piffner  
Delores Emmelle  
RUDY PRINE  
Jackie L Carter  
Kenneth Tuttle  
William Hancock  
Robert Davis  
S. L. Strickland  
Gene L. L. L.  
Leon Zeigler

## **MINUTES**

### **2015 ECHOLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing**

Conducted by Echols County Planning Advisory Commission

March 28, 2005      6:00PM

Echols County Courthouse-Courtroom

Persons in Attendance: (See Attached Sign in Sheet)

Vice Chairman Jackie Carter opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on the draft 2015 Echols County Solid Waste Management Plan. Mr. Carter requested Michael Morgan, Planning Coordinator to summarize the planning process and the 2015 Echols County Solid Waste Management Plan.

Mr. Morgan reviewed the highlights of the updated solid waste management plan that shows there are 0.55 tons per capita of solid waste generated and disposed per year. There is an eighty-five/fifteen percent split between residential and commercial-industrial generated waste. There are unaccounted for tons of MSW disposed by individuals on their own property in unincorporated Echols County. The updated plan includes policies and programs to reduce the MSW by twenty-five percent per capita by 2015. A disposal capacity assurance letter from Onyx Pecan Row Landfill, LLC for waste generated by Echols County is included in the solid waste management plan.

Mr. Carter requested public input on the draft 2015 Echols County Solid Waste Management Plan. There were no public comments, so the public hearing was closed at 6:30 pm.

## 2015 ECHOLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing

March 28, 2005

6:00PM

Echols County Courthouse

NAME

REPRESENTING

Carl Rodger

Probate Judge

~~Paul Smith~~

Marie Perkins

R. K. PRINE

Robert A. Davis

Norman Perkins

~~Brenda Stenberg~~

~~John Smith~~

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Belton Smith

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REGIONAL REVIEW PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

FOR

RE-CERTIFICATION of the 2015 ECHOLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAEGMENT PLAN

WHERE: South Georgia Regional Development Center  
Conference Room  
327 West Savannah Avenue  
Valdosta, Georgia

TIME/DATE: 10:00 AM, APRIL 21, 2005

PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE: Sherry H. Davidson, Planning Director, South Georgia RDC; and Emily Perry, Environmental Planner, South Georgia RDC.

Michael Morgan, Principal Planner, South Georgia RDC called the Regional Review Public Hearing to order at 10:00 AM. Mr. Morgan explained the intent and purpose of the regional review public hearing.

Mr. Morgan noted that no comments had been received by April 21, 2005 on the 2015 Echols County Solid Waste Management Plan.

Mr. Morgan closed the regional review public hearing at 10:15 AM.

**SOUTH GEORGIA RDC'S REPORT  
REGARDING REGIONAL REVIEW  
FOR  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE  
AND  
RE-CERTIFICATION  
OF  
"2015 ECHOLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN"**

- 1) Internal consistency of the Echols County Solid Waste Management Plan.

The updated 2015 Echols County Solid Waste Management Plan is found to be internally consistent with the following respects:

- a) Population projections indicate steady growth and are reflected by maintaining the current collection and disposal system, utilizing door-to-door collection and general fund revenues. Echols County must develop waste reduction and educational programs to meet the state goal for waste reduction.
- b) Land areas identified as environmentally sensitive, including the Suwannee, and Alapaha River corridors and lands having significant development limitations (wetlands, groundwater recharge areas and floodplains) have been shown in the future land use plan in the Rural Service Area. On-going Plan implementation programs building codes, and other land development codes and ordinances are consistent with Part V "environmental criteria" of the Georgia Planning Act.
- c) Future solid waste management goals and policies are consistent with the South Georgia Regional Agenda, and neighboring counties' goals and policies.
- d) Woven within the Short-Term Work Program amount of waste, collection and disposal, waste reduction facilities and services, education and public involvement strategies, is the intent to continue to a countywide solid waste advisory body to advise the county commission on the implementation of the solid waste management plan. These and other projects and programs open the door to meet/exceed Georgia solid waste management goals.
- e) The plan's short-term work program includes the major program actions and new facilities to adequately implement the needs identified in the plan.

REGIONAL / LOCAL PLANS	Regional Plan Not Applicable	Local/Regional Plan Consistent	Regional Plan Inconsistent
"Overall Economic Development Program", as amended, 1967		X	
"Overall Program Design", 1971		X	
"Comprehensive Plan for the Improvement of Law Enforcement/Criminal Justice in the Coastal Plan of Georgia", as amended 1971.		X	
Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plans, 1971	X		
"Water/Sewer Systems Plan and Programs for the Coastal Plain Area-Part I & Part II", 1973		X	
"Coastal Plain Recreation & Open Space Plan and Program", 1973		X	
"A Solid Waste Management Plan for the Coastal Plain Area", 1963, & the "Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Management Plan", 1992		X	
"Development Guide for the Coastal Plain Area", 1972, (nine county future land use map included)		X	
"Development Plan for the Coastal Plain Area", 1974, (includes schools, economic development, human development, public health and safety, transportation, natural environment, and general government)		X	
"Area Development Plan", 1978, merged with the 1979 update of the "Overall Economic Development Program"		X	
"Areawide Future Land Use Plan", 1977		X	
"2015 & 2025 South Georgia RDC Comprehensive Plan", 1996, 2004 (Technical Staff Report and Regional Agenda)		X	
"Areawide Housing Element", 1978, followed by the "Housing Opportunity Plan", 1979		X	
"Regional Transit Development Plan", 1990		X	
"Joint Ben Hill County – City of Fitzgerald Comprehensive Plan", 1992, 1996, 2000		X	
"2010 Greater Lowndes County Comprehensive Plan", for Lowndes Co., Valdosta, Remerton, Hahira, Lake Park, Dasher, Naylor, 1992, 1996, 2000		X	
"2010 Greater Brooks County Comprehensive Plan", for Brooks Co., Quitman, Barwick, Morven, and Pavo, 1992, 1997, 2001		X	
"2015 Greater Tift Comprehensive Plan" for Tift Co., Tifton, Omega, & Ty Ty, 1993, 1998, 2002		X	
"2015 Greater Cook Comprehensive Plan" for Cook Co., Adel, Cecil, Lenox, Sparks, 1993, 1998, 2002		X	
"2015 & 2025 Greater Irwin Comprehensive Plan for Irwin County & Ocilla, 1994, 1999, 2003		X	

<b>REGIONAL / LOCAL PLANS</b>	<b>Regional Plan Not Applicable</b>	<b>Local/Regional Plan Consistent</b>	<b>Regional Plan Inconsistent</b>
"2015 & 2025 Greater Turner Comprehensive Plan" for Turner County, Ashburn, Rebecca, and Sycamore, 1995, 2000, 2005		<b>X</b>	
"2015 Echols County Comprehensive Plan", 1995, 2000		<b>X</b>	
"2015 Greater Lanier Comprehensive Plan" for Lanier Co., and Lakeland, 1995, 2000		<b>X</b>	

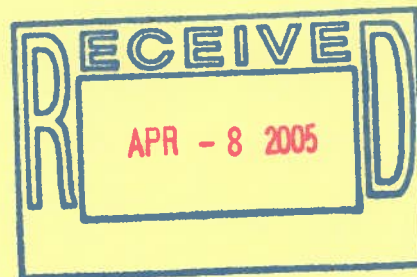


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# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Mike Beatty  
COMMISSIONER

Sonny Perdue  
GOVERNOR

June 1, 2005

Mr. John L. Leonard  
Executive Director, South Georgia RDC  
Post Office Box 1223  
Valdosta, Georgia 31603

Dear John,

Our staff has reviewed the 2006 - 2015 Solid Waste Management Plan for Echols County. We find the update to be in compliance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management.

To remain eligible for solid waste permits, grants, and loans, Echols County must adopt the 2006 - 2015 Solid Waste Management Plan at their next scheduled meeting and forward a copy of the adoption resolution to our office.

As soon as we receive notification that the County has adopted the 2006 - 2015 Solid Waste Management Plan, we will send official notification of the County's continued eligibility to receive solid waste permits, grants, and loans.

Sincerely,

Rick Brooks, Director  
Planning and Environmental Management Division

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## WASTE SERVICES

November 1, 2005

Mr. Robert A. Davis, Chairman  
Echols County Commission  
PO Box 190  
Statenville, GA 31648

RE: Disposal Capacity Assurance Letter

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Please feel free to call us if you have any questions or desire additional information.

Sincerely,

  
Greg Walk  
Area Manager



# GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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January 23, 2006

Honorable Robert A. Davis  
Chair, Echols County Commission  
Post Office Box 190  
Statenville, Georgia 31631-0190

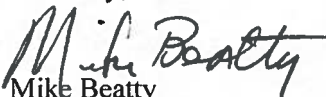
Dear Chairman Davis:

We have received notification that Echols County has adopted the 2006 - 2015 Solid Waste Management Plan that meets the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures for Solid Waste Management. Accordingly, it is my pleasure to notify you that that Echols County has regained eligibility for solid waste permits, grants and loans.

As you have experienced, in addition to proper and thorough long-range planning, effective solid waste management requires the ability to adapt when circumstances indicate that such action is necessary. Through continued review, and revision when necessary, solid waste planning provides your local government with more control over its destiny and assists you in dealing more effectively with both short-term and long-term management decisions.

We commend you for your hard work and dedication. If you have any questions regarding your solid waste management plan, please call Mary Harrington in our Office of Environmental Management at (404) 679-3144.

Sincerely,

  
Mike Beatty  
Commissioner

MB/meh

cc: John L. Leonard, Executive Director, South Georgia RDC



## ADOPTION RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF ECHOLS COUNTY, GEORGIA TO ADOPT THE 2015 ECHOLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND SUBMIT NOTIFICATION TO THE SOUTH GEORGIA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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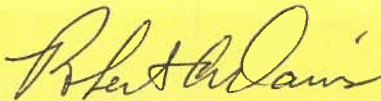
WHEREAS, the proposed updates to the Echols County STWP have been prepared depicting federal fiscal years 2005 through 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Transmittal Resolution was submitted to the South Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and the updated solid waste management plan was reviewed by them and found to be in compliance with the Minimum Planning Standards and Procedures and consistent with adopted regional plans and policies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Echols County Chairman and County Commissioners do hereby adopt the 2015 Echols County Solid Waste Management Plan amendment to the South Georgia Multi-Jurisdictional Solid Waste Management Plan and transmit notification to the South Georgia Regional Development Center and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for certification of completion.

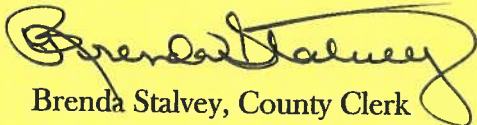
DULY RESOLVED: THIS 16 DAY OF June, 2005.

ECHOLS COUNTY



Robert A. Davis, Chairman

ATTEST:



Brenda Stalvey, County Clerk